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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Personnel

SUBJECT: Comments on Proposed FR 20-560

1. Our comments on R 20-560, embodied in a memorandum of this same date, are applicable also to the Field Regulation except as otherwise indicated.

2. Paragraph 1.b. is perhaps best omitted. Naturally the policies and procedures contained in this Regulation are prescribed by law. When the security requirements of a field regulation require deletion of reference to the specific statute the statement seems to lose meaning.

3. Paragraph 5.b.(1)(c). Would not the determination that the post is hazardous as well as the determination that it is unhealthful be made by Headquarters?

4. Paragraphs 5.b.(2) and (3). Could not these paragraphs be combined with a corresponding gain in clarity? We suggest the language: "Exceptions to a standard tour of duty for any of the reasons given above can be authorized only by Headquarters." It will be noted that in addition to telescoping the two statements we have suggested a strengthening of the language to make it clear that no field official has the authority to grant the exceptions.

5. Paragraph 5.c.(2). With the same purpose of strengthening the provision, we suggest the following language: "A decision to reduce or terminate an individual's tour of duty overseas prior to the expiration of his prescribed period of service can be made only by Headquarters."

6. Paragraph 7.b. and c. are paragraphs that lose some of their meaning when sterilized without other change. Could these paragraphs be combined somewhat as follows: "Any change in the duration of an individual's tour as initially prescribed must be authorized by Headquarters. Except where the change is requested for reasons of extreme personal hardship, a Chief of Station or Base may submit his recommendations to Headquarters." The balance of this paragraph will then be identical with paragraph 7.c.

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7. It is difficult to be definitive about the field regulation until a final text of the headquarters version has been approved. At such time, or concurrently with a review of the headquarters version, we should like to have another opportunity to make comments upon the field regulation. Sterilization, without accompanying changes in text, often distorts considerably the original meaning.

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